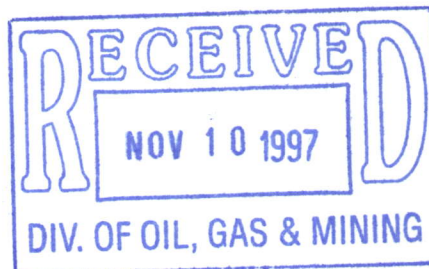


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November 10, 1997

Attn: D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
1954 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801



Re: Amendment to Existing Reclamation Contract in the Name of Buena Ventura Resources Corporation (BVRC), Asphalt Ridge Tar Sands Project, M/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Sir:

By this letter we are requesting the amendment of the existing Reclamation Contract to change the name on the contract from Buena Ventura Resources Corporation (BVRC) to Crown Asphalt Corporation.

On August 6, 1997, the Articles of Incorporation of BVRC were amended to change the corporation name. This amendment was presented to the State of Utah, Department of Commerce and was approved on August 18, 1997.

A new reclamation contract and certificate of deposit with the new corporate name were delivered to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on November 7, 1997.

If additional information is needed to approve the requested amendment, please notify the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jay Mealey'.
Jay Mealey
President